Name Changes in Bornean Araliads

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1. Schefflera furfuracea Merr. MS.

Sch. borneensis Merr. in Journ. Str. Br. Roy. Asiat. Soc. 79 (1918) 27 basionym, non S. borneensis Merr. in Philipp. Journ. Sei: Bot. 13 (1918) 100.

Owing to an error this species was published under a name that had already been given by Merrill himself a few months earlier to another plant having 5-foliolate leaves, much larger leaflets, shorter and lightly pubescent inflorescence and shorter-stalked umbels.

He referred to this earlier species in the introduction of a new set of *Shefflera* spp. published in his second paper, and identified with it a "specimen probably eollected by Haviland" (p. 27) from the Singapore herbarium. Yet in this second paper he used *S. borneensis* a second time for a different species which he obviously intended to call *Schefflera furfuracea* Merr., a name written by Merrill himself on the holotype in the Singapore herbarium. Its leaves are described as 8–10 foliolate and is stated to have "greatly elongated primary branches of the inflorescence which are conspicuously brown-furfuraceous throughout and about 40 cm. in length."

Though these two species are manifestly distinct, unfortunately Merrill failed to detect his error in preparing "A Bibliographic Enumeration of Bornean Plants" (1921), so that here he united the two species as one.

2. Schefflera petiolosa (Miq.) Harms.

Sch. racemosa Merr. in Journ. Str. Br. Roy. Asiat. Soc. 79 (1918) 30, non S. racemosa (Wight) Harms (1898). syn. nov.

Merrill's binomial is a later homonym and so cannot be used. Fortunately the species does not differ materially from *S. petiolosa* (Miq.) Harms.

3. Arthrophyllum merrillianum Furtado nom. nov.

A. borneense Merr. in Univ. Calif. Publ. Bot. XV (1929) 231, basionym, non A. borneense Baker (1896).